

Safe Haven Brief (work in progress)

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The main purpose of this brief is to document the requirements for establishing a “safe haven” from the burden we face daily in our current society where people are exposed, without consent, to pervasive and potentially harmful pulsed radio frequencies as well as noxious chemicals.

This brief will suggest core criteria for identifying a suitable location and put forward a number of core principles that should be adopted to build a safe and thriving community that is in tune with the surrounding environment.

This brief (when completed) will cover the following major topics in further detail:

1. Why is a “Safe Haven” needed at this time
2. What are we looking for
3. Core principles and purpose
4. Rules
5. Government Support
6. Business opportunities
7. Approach
8. Issues to be considered and overcome

The details from this brief will be used to develop a Master Plan. A Master Plan defines the vision we want to achieve and how to get there within an agreed timeframe. Master plans usually plan decades into the future. Setting up a community in a remote location will be challenging and will need to be self-sufficient to a large degree. The infrastructure to support the community could be significant if there is a lot of public interest to become part of this adventure and so plans need to be established very early on that outlines the development goals and when realistically we should try to achieve them (stages).

This brief will provide an awesome opportunity to establish a community based on key values such as environmental sustainability and responsibility as well as mutual respect and support.

Why a “Safe Haven” is needed

Society appears to have lost its way. We are developing technology faster than have the capacity to fully understand the implications such technology has on our personal development, health and wellbeing. Humans have found or made 50 million different chemicals with the vast majority being developed over the last few decades. “A novel substance is either isolated or synthesized every 2.6 seconds on the average during the past 12 months, day and night, seven days a week in the world”. Many chemicals are used daily without any formal testing to see if they are safe for humans. A similar problem exists with the boundless explosion of the “internet of things” many of which use wireless technologies, again without sufficient research to quantify the risk to those who use them and those who are yet to be born. Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and Electro Hypersensitivity

(EHS) are on the rise and those who are impacted are faced with a life of pain and misery because their condition is ignored or misunderstood. Today suffers and those who are concerned about these rapid developments have nowhere to turn. To leave everything for a life in exile is not a promising prospect especially if there is no support.

From a political perspective our corporatized governments no longer appear to represent the people as Corporations are given carte blanche to install potentially cancer causing agents/technology near or on our homes, schools and places of work. Our rights of choice, privacy and self-determination are being trampled.

A solution is to establish a "Safe Haven" or "Eco village", which adopts policies that are in harmony with nature and offers support and a possible route to restored/improved health for those directly impacted.

What we are looking for

- A location that is not too remote so that we are not cut off completely from the outside world.
- Accessible so that people will come (We need to be able to derive an income to establish a level of self-sufficiency)
- Needs to be within reasonable reach of a town for supplies and other recreational activities
- Should have a permanent water source (stream, creek, bore etc. town water would be nice but not mandatory)
- Mountain/large hills to provide some natural protection and screening to terrestrial sources of RF. Any nearby peaks must be within our land claim to ensure that towers cannot be erected on them
- Preferably treed in order to provide additional protection as we cannot stop vehicles using nearby roads from using transmitters (Treed areas will require us to think about fire control and management)
- Coastal is optional. Would guarantee one aspect would be free of cell phone tower radiation (but not shipping radar which would be a rare event)
- Ground needs to be fertile and support eco farming.
- Large acreage 400 acres or greater. An area several km's long and wide would be ideal but maybe cost prohibitive. Ultimately size will depend on whether we can get support for an RF exclusion zone from local Government
- Will need to be a fair distance from large towns and cities and major highways as they attract wireless telecommunication infrastructure

Principles and Purpose

- No wireless transmitters – this includes cordless telephones, mobile phones, walkie talkies, WiFi and digital baby monitors, HAM/CB radios (exception will be for emergency services who may need to attend).
- Modern appliances with wireless will only be permitted if they support reconfiguration to turn off the WiFi component

- All visitors will need to turn off wireless equipment to flight mode
- Sustainable and ecofriendly practices that respect the environment and its inhabitants
- A community spirit based on mutual support, respect and shares common goals and outcomes
- Self-determination with as little reliance on government for financial support as possible
- No unwanted government surveillance programs (smart meters, CCTV, RFID etc.)
- Environmental care and management through education
- Support for those who are suffering EHS and/or MCS
- Develop education programs to inform the public about EHS, MCS and the potential dangers long term exposures to radio frequencies and manmade chemicals pose to human health and wellbeing.
- Provide a safe place for people who are EHS and/or MCS to come and live but to also provide a place for recovery for those who are not willing or able to move permanently.

Rules, restrictions and recommendations

- No wireless devices permitted unless they can be configured to have the wireless component turned off
- Establish a contract/covenant agreement to be signed by those who purchase a block of land in Safe Haven that sets out the rules and restrictions clearly that the signer agrees to bound by.
- Possible noise restrictions (start and end time when in operation to be agreed)
- Farming practices must be ecologically sound
- Restricted usage of certain house hold chemicals that are known to be dangerous for health and environment
- Restriction on pets (TBD) – cats can be a serious threat to wildlife and are not as easy to control as dogs with respect to restriction of movement.
- Good governance to be based on democratic principles
- Power supply initially from Power utility. Co-op can be an energy retailer so only one meter installed on boundary of Safe Haven. Co-op can then install analogue meters on all houses (similar to how Melbourne Airport manages its energy supply). Solar power can be setup with batteries to support eventual move away from power grid.

Building construction recommendations

- All houses must have shielded electrical wiring. It is also recommend that all switch boards have demand switches for non-essential circuits (excludes circuit with Fridge and Fire Alarm)
- Building should comply with best practices as advised by certified building biologists
- Buildings should be designed using environmental design techniques to maximise energy efficiency for heating and cooling
- Solar hot water should be a mandatory requirement
- Buildings to be designed to have a low environmental impact

- Grey water to be recycled
- Support for water collection and harvesting (water tanks)

Investment, income and potential ongoing fees

Initial purchase of block will include fees for:

- Development of roads, drainage, power and telephone
- Cost of the land (set by developer/investors – will need to be affordable)
- X\$ for legal fund
- Y\$ for community development (annual or a one off payment?)

Should we consider a bartering system?

Cottage industries – Organic produce, Honey, eggs, clothing

School

Hot bread shop/Pizza/Bakery

Hydroponics?

Medical Centre/Naturopathy

Caravan park

Café/eatery

Rest and Recovery Centre (Massage, acupuncture, meditation, healing, counselling, courses)

A proportion of Land purchase money and/or body corporate fees (should we have them) will need to be reserved for potential legal action to protect our right to self-determination and against those who wilfully breach the contract. Amount to be determined and agreed

Potential Issues that may need to be addressed

- What to do with people who do not follow the rules – Court action (breach of contract)?
- How to vet people who wish to emigrate to Safe Haven on a permanent basis? Is a vetting process required?
- Should priority be given to those who are genuinely suffering EHS and/or MCS over people who are simply concerned?
- How will people support themselves financially particularly those whose health is in a bad way?
- How will people support themselves financially if they are late in joining the community?
- Waste Management – would need to engage local council
- How to value a service
- Security – is it necessary?

- How to manage people who are not able to contribute to the community due to poor health?
- Emergency Services – We may need to have a medical centre and Doctor/Nurse available on call especially if we have people who are not in good health
- We may have legal disputes with Government, Telecommunication Companies, NBN and of course residents who go rogue. Government may introduce policies that are disruptive and against our founding principles.
- Who decides what technology is acceptable to the Safe Haven community?
- How to police and enforce the contracts that people sign? We don't want to be oppressive but we do need to protect our health and way of life
- Legally would we have the power to evict someone who repeatedly breaks the agreement? If yes what compensation would be paid if they are evicted?
- How to protect the founding principles from unjust laws or charismatic dissenters? do we establish a constitution that dictates certain principles are immutable?
- How to manage postal services? PO Box in nearest town? Establish a local postal office?
- Those who chose to live here will have different levels of sensitivity (electrical/chemical)
- Social behavioural differences will need to be considered

More questions

Who, when and how do we engage the Government?

Do we set up a co-operative (not for profit? or profit sharing?)

What support can be expected from the Government in the form of grants other monies for development of the community?

Can we get fibre based internet?

Safe Haven inputs to Master Plan

Note some community buildings can have multiple purposes (i.e. can be combined). Areas would be reserved (not necessarily developed until there was a need). Construction plan would be based on certain trigger points such as current population and projected growth:

1. Establish Zones for people with different sensitivities and privacy requirements
 - AC powered Zone
 - DC powered Zone
 - Non Powered Zone
 - Business/light commercial Zone?
 - Retirement Village concept with small houses and small land entitlements 200 – 400m²
 - Community Vegetable garden
 - Family zone with larger houses and larger blocks 600 -1000m² blocks – room for private vegetable garden and/or backyard for kids

- Privacy Zone with not limits to house size situated on large 1 – 2 acre blocks
- 2. Caravan park – powered and unpowered sites + cabin/bunk house facilities
- 3. Library
- 4. Community Centre
- 5. Cinema
- 6. Sports Shed (storage of sporting equipment)
- 7. Tennis Court (2)?
- 8. Basket Ball court
- 9. Oval
- 10. Playground and equipment
- 11. School
- 12. Rest and Recovery Centre/Executive retreat (Meeting/Conference Rooms, Dining Area, Suites)
- 13. Spa and Massage centre
- 14. Swimming pool
- 15. General Store
- 16. Medical centre
- 17. Coffee shop/Bakery/Restaurant
- 18. Community Kitchen/BBQ
- 19. Research centre???

Number of blocks of each type will need council support and approval.